(c) 16 Computers have been provided by M/s. INTEL free of cost. 104 Master Trainers and other staff like Principals etc. have been trained upto 31-01-2002. The training period varies from five days to two weeks. The Master Trainers are trained to further train the teachers to develop the competence for the use of computer in teaching. Other staff is provided training for enabling them to use computers in the office work.

(d) Two trainers for these training have been provided by M/s. INTEL free of cost.

Review of syllabus in Navodaya Vidyalayas

1400. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the syllabi of Navodaya Vidyalayas was reviewed last;

(b) whether it needs a fresh look; and

(c) who are the members of the syllabi committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c). Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti does not have a system of evolving its own syllabus and hence it does not have a separate Syllabi Committee.

Syllabus for Classes VI to VIII in Navodaya Vidyalayas is adopted from respective State Education Systems since the medium of instruction in these classes is Regional Language and for classes IX to XII, NVS follows CBSE Syllabus.

Permission to BIIM, Delhi for Session of Second Year

1401. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances under which AICTE permitted to conduct-exam for the second year of BIIM in the Informatics, Defence Colony, Delhi under Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar, without declaration of first year's result; and

(b) the details of action taken by AICTE against Informatics, Defence Colony, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Institute under reference has not been approved by the AICTE. Hence, the question of AICTE granting permission to the Institute for conducting examination does not arise.

Funds for implementing Agencies of Education

1402. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for universal elementary education during the last three years, so far;

(b) whether any new formula is being consider to bring procedural changes, by allowing funds to be sent directly to the implementing agencies;

(c) if so, the details therefor; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Government of India has been implementing various programmes for the universalisation of elementary education such as the District Primary Education Programme, Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Education Gurantee Scheme & Alternative and Innovative Education (earlier Non-formal Education). The Government has launched the new Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in November, 2000 to pursue the goal of universal elementary education in a mission mode.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

University courses on water management and water harvesting

1403. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2806 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 2001 and state:

(a) what are the Universities selected for introduction of courses on Water Management and Water Harvesting;